

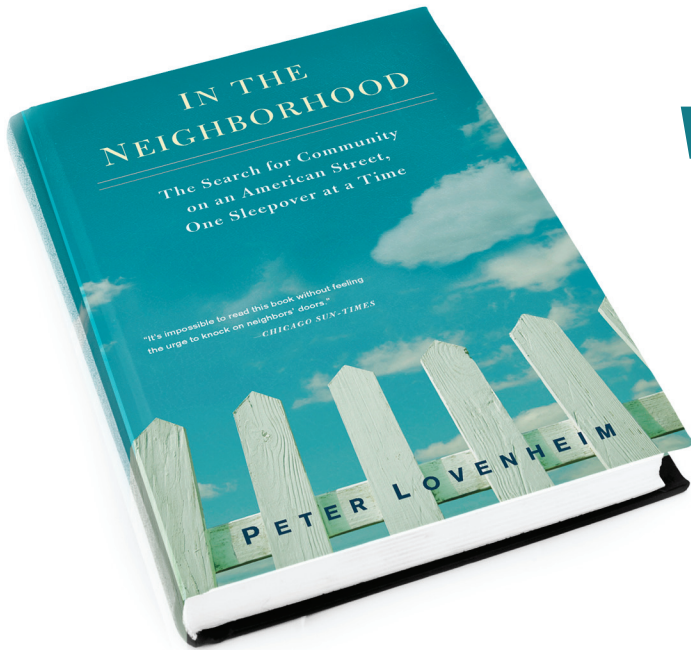
Bellevue Neighborhoods Forum

A dialogue on building vibrant and connected communities

featuring author Peter Lovenheim

Wednesday, April 6, 7–9 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue City Hall



KEYNOTE SPEAKER PETER LOVENHEIM documents his experiences and his conclusions about creating a sense of community in modern American neighborhoods in his book, *In the Neighborhood: The Search for Community on an American Street, One Sleepover at a Time*.

Lovenheim recalls the neighborhood of his childhood when families were well acquainted, kids played together, and neighbors looked out for each other. Shaken by a recent murder-suicide in the neighborhood, Lovenheim sets out to meet his neighbors and establish real and lasting relationships that go beyond occasional and casual greetings. He actually works to convince his neighbors to allow him to spend the night in their homes, share their meals and accompany them to work.

In a book of deeply personal and touching stories and anecdotes, Lovenheim talks about making friends, creating connections, and exploring the strength and vitality of neighborhoods.



The keynote will be followed by a discussion forum in which participants will network and talk about creating their own neighborhood connections. Coffee and dessert courtesy of Vovito Caffè & Gelato and The French Bakery.

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Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing begins at 6:30 p.m.